



Wenatchee Parks and Recreation

Policy & Procedure

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish specific regulations for use of park areas by dogs and their handlers.

2.0 General Rules

- 2.1 In addition to these rules, general park rules and Wenatchee Municipal Code Chapter 5.28 apply.
- 2.2 The handler is responsible for keeping their dog under control by leash, and all action and behavior of their dog while on park property.
- 2.3 The city has designated certain park areas where dogs can be off leash for exercise and training. The dogs must be under control by sound or voice command and handlers are responsible for all action and behavior.
- 2.4 The handler is responsible and must possess the tools required for cleanup and disposal of fecal matter in a legal manner.
- 2.5 Due to programmed use, maintenance and safety and health concerns, dogs are not permitted in the following areas at any time:
 - A. Within park play equipment areas;
 - B. On city athletic field playing surfaces;
 - C. In habitat conservation areas;
 - D. In the City Pool or pool deck, wading pools or splash pads;
 - E. In Memorial Park during the Apple Blossom Festival;
 - F. Other designated areas.
- 2.6 Service animals in the performance of their duties are exempt from these considerations.

3.0 Procedures

- 3.1 Dog area designations will be based on the park and recreation comprehensive plan, resource conservation, maintenance issues and safety hazards.
- 3.2 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will review and update the above listed rules as needed.

- 3.3 The Parks and Recreation Department will promote the policies and procedures through, sings, press releases, education and other means.